

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend numbered paragraph 0008 as shown below:

Recent efforts to develop a tool that incorporated a feedback mechanism are found in United States provisional patent application number 60/417,894 and United States patent application number ~~10/604,955~~ 6,952,982. The tools disclosed in these applications utilize a hook and one or more rods to engage and release a clamp. In particular, the tool disclosed in United States provisional patent application serial number 60/417,894 unsuccessfully attempted to utilize a single rod design to release the clamp and provide feedback. This experimental tool included a single rod with a hook formed at one end. The hook is inserted into a clamp tab. When the user pulls on a lever, the hooked rod pulls on the clamp tab and a spring. If sufficient force is applied, the latching member is disengaged, permitting the clamp to move from an open position to a closed position. Disengagement of the latching member also releases tension on the spring, causing the hooked rod to recoil or kickback past its initial position to actuate a sensor, thereby signaling the release of the clamp. Such tools released clamps inconsistently and did not provide reliable feedback that the clamp had closed.